(c) the reasons for introducing different types of schemes in Government Banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Reserve Bank of India has reported that it does not at present, intend to introduce a Voluntary Retirement Scheme for its staff.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Defaulters of banks and financial institutions

52. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount in default due to the nationalised banks and financial institutions; and

(b) who are the top ten defaulters as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The total amount in default due to the public sector banks and financial institutions as on 31st March, 2000 was Rs. 79185 crore.

(b) Under the current provisions of banking laws, disclosure of details of borrowers of banks and financial institutions is not permissible. However, RBI publishes a list of borrowal accounts against whom banks and financial institutions have filed suits for recovery of their dues aggregating Rs. 1 crore and above as on 31st March every year. The last such list has been published as on 31st March, 2000. It is available on web site at http://www.rbi.org.in.

Depreciation in value of rupee

53. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) The rate of depreciation of rupee to US dollar, year-wise since 1991 and also the cumulative rate of decline between 1991-92 and 1999-2000; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to arrest the steady decline in value of rupee?